

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2014
444 WESTMINSTER ST., PROVIDENCE, RI 02903**

The Providence Redevelopment Agency (PRA) met in regular session at the Office of the Agency, located at 444 Westminister St., Providence, RI on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 4:04PM.

Board members present at roll call: Chairman Jim DeRentis, Vice Chair Cliff Wood, Councilman Bryan Principe, and Yahaira Placencia.

Absent at roll call: Councilman Nicholas Narducci, Jesse Kenner, and Julius Kolawole.

Others in attendance: Don Gralnek, Executive Director; Amber Ilcisko, Secretary; Colleen Dupre, City of Providence Planning Department; Dante Bellini, Jr., RDW Group; Phil Lascoe, RDW Group; Carla DeStefano, SWAP; Linda Wesinger, SWAP Jon Restivo, Darrow Everett; Sergio Spaziano, City of Providence Law Department; Sean Creegan, City of Providence Law Department; Sue Courtemanche, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.; Zack Darrow, Darrow Everett; Troy Shuman, PRA Legal Intern; Eric Busch, Rustpoint Associates;

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Yahaira Placencia made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 8, 2014, and Bryan Principe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Gralnek delivered a brief overview of the listed bills to be paid:

He mentioned item 4- Darrow Everett, and item 5- RDW, were normal monthly payments. Item 6- John Boenhert, worked on a number of projects and item 7- ASG Planning Services, is a bill from February, although Ms. Galbraith will continue assisting the Agency at no cost, item 8- Cherenzia & Associates did work at the Flynn School site, item 9 and 10- Cameron & Mittleman's work on the Umicore restructure, also, item 11- Ronald Markoff's title work for the Umicore restructure.

Cliff Wood made a motion to approve the bills, and Yahaira Placencia seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gralnek discussed the following agenda items:

Item 12- status of the South Street Landing Project; no action was taken by the Board.
Item 13- status of the Louttit site; no action was taken by the Board.
Item 14- update on the Flynn School site; no action was taken by the Board.
Item 15- Umicore site updates; no action was taken by the Board.
Item 16- hiring John Hooper, Jr. for \$300/week for 10 weeks; no action was taken by the Board.
Item 17- report of summer interns; Troy Shuman presented; no action was taken by the Board.
Item 18- update on the urban food center; no action was taken by the Board.
Item 19- update on Charles Street Redevelopment area; no action was taken by the Board.
Item 20- report of the EPA grant of \$400,000 for spreading soil cap at the American Tourister site; the Agency will contribute \$80,000 to be approved at the July meeting; no action was taken by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gralnek presented the following items of new business:

Item 21- the retention of Eric Busch of Rustpoint Associates for \$3,750.00 to assist in preparing requests for the Loutitt site located at 93 Cranston St. Eric Busch presented to the board.

Bryan Principe made a motion to approve the retention of Eric Busch of Rustpoint Associates to assist in preparing requests for the Loutitt site; the motion was seconded by Cliff Wood. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 22- the sale of the property at 15 Somerset St. to South Side Community Land Trust for \$10,000.00.

Cliff Wood made a motion to approve the sale of 15 Somerset St.; the motion was seconded by Bryan Principe. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 23- the retention of Nate Kelly of Horsely Witten for land planning in request for proposal for the Flynn School site located at 220 Blackstone St.

There was a motion made to amend the resolution to include the amount of \$8,000.00 in fees to retain Nate Kelly of Horsely Witten for land planning for the Flynn School site. Yahaira Placencia made the motion to amend the resolution; the motion was seconded by Cliff Wood. The motion was passed unanimously.

Bryan Principe made a motion to approve the resolution as amended, Cliff Wood seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 24- the payment of \$100,000 grant to Umicore USA, Inc. from bond trustee for workforce hiring.

Cliff Wood made a motion to approve the payment of \$100,000 to Umicore USA, Inc. from bond trustee for workforce hiring; the motion was seconded by Bryan Principe. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 25- the sale of 44 Lillian St. for \$10,000 to Community Works Rhode Island. It was then noted by Bryan Principe the property was 44 Lillian Ave.

A motion was made to amend the resolution from the sale of 44 Lillian St. to 44 Lillian Ave. by Yahaira Placencia. The motion was seconded by Cliff Wood. The motion was passed unanimously.

Yahaira Placencia made motion to approve the resolution as amended, Bryan Principe seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 26- the approval of the transfer of tax title of 56 Greenwich St. from the City of Providence to the Providence Redevelopment Agency for the foreclosure and transfer to Helping Hands. Sean Creegan presented.

Bryan Principe made a motion to approve the transfer of the tax title to the Agency; the motion was seconded by Yahaira Placencia. The motion was passed unanimously

Yahaira Placencia made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Bryan Principe. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:57PM.